

Please add pages 1-5 of the Sequence Listing, submitted herewith, to the specification.

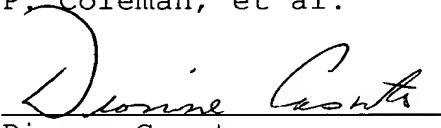
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to correct a typographical error in the description of Figure 3 and to include appropriate SEQ ID NOS in the description of Figure 4. Applicants have provided a marked up copy of the amendments showing the changes made thereto.

Applicants also have provided initial paper and computer-readable form copies of the Sequence Listing as well as a statement to support that filing and submission. Applicants respectively submit that the amendments to the specification and the addition of the Sequence Listing add no new matter and request their entry into the record.

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MARKED UP COPY OF THE CHANGES TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification on page 7, lines 9-14 as follows:

Figure 3 represents the [amino acid] nucleic acid sequence of the small HBsAg envelope protein for subtype ayw₂ wildtype HBV virus (SEQ ID NO:3).

Figure 4 represents the alignment and translation of the nucleotide sequence of the mutant and wildtype ayw₂ small envelope proteins (SEQ ID NO:6), (SEQ ID NO:7) and (SEQ ID NO:8).

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